

To: All State Foresters

Dear [State Forester]:

This is the request for pre-proposals for the State and Private Forestry (S&PF) Southern Region 2011 Competitive Resource Allocation. The enclosed guidelines provide an overview of the requirements and instructions for completing the pre-proposal and proposal forms. Pre-proposals must be submitted using the enclosed form and received no later than close of business, **Friday, August 27, 2010** by KaDonna Randolph (krandolph@fs.fed.us).

The process for FY 2011 is basically unchanged from 2010. One consideration you may wish to add as you develop project ideas is to begin taking advantage of findings contained in your state-wide forest resource assessment and strategy.

Please note that this fiscal year funding for the Competitive Resource Allocation process will be for the full 15% of the "net available" S&PF allocation for the Southern Region. Based on prior years, we anticipate approximately \$6.9 million to be available. Once we receive our initial FY 2011 allocation, the Region will provide more details on available funds.

The pre-proposals will be reviewed by an interagency Competitive Allocation Team. This team has worked together to design and implement a competitive process based on national guidance with regionally specific criteria. For 2011, this team consists of:

- Fred Allen, Southern Group of State Foresters – SRS Liaison
- Connie Carpenter, US Forest Service – Program Manager, IITF
- Mike Countess, Southern Group of State Foresters – Policy Analyst
- John Dondero, US Forest Service – Director, Cooperative Forestry
- Dave Frederick, Southern Group of State Foresters – Fire Representative
- John Greis, US Forest Service – State and Private Specialist
- Wes Nettleton, US Forest Service – Director, Forest Health
- Dan Olsen, US Forest Service – Director, Fire and Aviation Management
- Mike Zupko, Southern Group of State Foresters – Executive Director

We encourage you and your staff to engage members of the Competitive Allocation Team and the S&PF Staff with questions related to project specifics. Additional information can also be found on the national Redesign website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/redesign/index.shtml>.

For clarification or questions concerning the proposal process, please contact KaDonna Randolph at (865) 862-2024.

Sincerely,

Enclosures (3)

cc: Ken S Arney, Connie Carpenter, John D Dondero, Owedia Gray, John Greis, Laura C Kalifeh, Wesley Nettleton, Dan Olsen, Fred Allen, Mike Countess, Dave Frederick, Mike Zupko, KaDonna Randolph